

URGES WAR UPON FOOD SHARKS HERE

Congressman Helgeson Tells
Citizens to Fight Bakers and
Other Commodity Dealers.

SAY CO-OPERATION WILL WIN

North Dakota Man Declares He
Will Lead Fight on
High Prices.

Do bakers in Washington charge more for bread than in Europe, where war prices prevail? If they do, why have not the people formed a boycott against them, or organized in some way to protect themselves from this feature of the high cost of living?

The first of these questions was answered in the affirmative by Congressman Henry T. Helgeson, of North Dakota, at a meeting last night of the Cathedral Heights Citizens' Association. The last one he propounded to members of the association, saying that it was intended for other citizens of the District to consider. The Congressman paid his respects to Washington bakers in no uncertain terms and said the people have stood for "this form of robbery" long enough.

Asked Mortgage Exemption.
Congressman Helgeson's attack on Washington bakers and business and political conditions in general grew out of the discussion of the value of organized effort in securing favorable legislation. The association had just adopted a resolution asking that Congress exempt mortgages on real estate that is taxed in the District from the intangible tax against which numerous citizens' associations have launched attacks in the last few weeks.

After reading a schedule of prices which prevails in England Congressman Helgeson said when there was talk over there of raising the price of bread to 10 cents for four pounds there was a bread riot.

People Here Stand For It.
Here, the speaker lamented, bakers can charge as much as they like and the people stand for it.

He said such a state of affairs resulted from no effort on the part of the people to organize themselves against such imposition from traders.

Congressman Helgeson advocated the idea of selecting District Commissioners from other States than ones close to Washington. He said it would work good for the common people if Commissioners were selected for ability and administrative capacity rather than for political preference.

Charges Price Inconsistency.

The speaker charged inconsistency in bread prices in the District. He said some bakers who pay \$11 per barrel for flour sell loaves at 5 cents, while others who pay only \$8 per barrel charge 6 cents for loaves.

"I'm going to put the bakers on the defensive," declared the Congressman, "as I did in the House this afternoon. I have attacked the high price of living in Washington and I mean to continue the fight until prices drop or some reasonable explanation is given for their skyward trend."

Sees Commodity Sharks.

"The people of Washington, and other cities in the United States as well, stand for more than the people of any other nation. They would not tolerate such exorbitant prices. Organization is the only way to secure equitable treatment at the hands of the many commodity sharks."

"The power of organization was shown last year when a band of men made Congress bow."

"Just because they were organized the railroad employees of the country, through their spokesmen here, made every politician and public man take off his hat to them—from the President of the United States down to the most typical ward heeler."

Promises Market Campaign.

Congressman Helgeson promised if he stayed in Washington this summer he would fight hard to see to it that better sanitary conditions exist at city markets where, he charged, food is often sold that is not fit to eat.

The association adopted a resolution giving R. H. McNeil, chairman of the railroad committee, full power to negotiate for better street car facilities. President A. M. Read presided. W. W. Husband was elected a member. Committee reports were made.

BIRTH CONTROL FIGHT

Poor Women and Society Leaders
Aid Mrs. Sanger.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—"The big fight" for and against birth control as preached by Mrs. Margaret Sanger is on here today.

The battle between society women, clergymen, doctors, lawyers, and the rebellious mothers began with Mrs. Sanger's trial in special sessions on the charge of maintaining a public nuisance in her birth control clinic.

A small army of women of the poorer class, who have large families and went to the Sanger clinic to learn how to avoid increasing them further, testified for Mrs. Sanger, saying they had been advised free of charge. Against this a woman detective produced a \$2 bill she swore she paid Mrs. Sanger for advice.

Called Patriotic by Preacher.

One of Mrs. Sanger's chief adherents in court is the Rev. Charles H. Lyttle, Unitarian minister. He said he regards Mrs. Sanger's movement for birth control "humane and patriotic."

Abraham Jacobi and J. S. Meltzer quarreled publicly about birth control in debate. Dr. Jacobi declared many persons would be better off if they never were born. Dr. Meltzer said doctors should let the field of preventives alone.

Mrs. Sanger's trial will be resumed Monday.

VOPICKA REMOVAL REPORT CONFIRMED

U. S. Learns Officially That
Germany Desires Minister to
Leave Bucharest.

The State Department today confirmed the report that Germany has requested the removal from Bucharest of Charles J. Vopicka, American minister to Roumania, Serbia and Bulgaria.

It is stated that the request is not in the nature of a demand for the recall of the minister, and that the Teutonic allies would not object if Mr. Vopicka, who is also accredited to the Bulgarian government, established himself at the present temporary capital of the Roumanian government at Jaffy.

The department, which is understood to be considering the request favorably, was not able to confirm the report that the Dutch minister had also been requested to leave Bucharest.

Had Remained Behind.
Advices from the old Roumanian capital last week stated that Mr. Vopicka had remained behind in Bucharest after the retreat of the Roumanians and the occupation by German forces, in order to be of assistance to such of the Roumanian civil population as remained behind and might need assistance.

It was ascertained from an authoritative source here today that the German government complained that Mr. Vopicka was not entirely neutral in his sentiments, and that his activities in behalf of the Roumanians at Bucharest were "inimical to German interests."

May Have Opposed Measures.

It could not be learned what particular activities were complained of, although it is thought likely that Mr. Vopicka may have objected to certain repressive measures undertaken by the German commanders, in the way of deportations or compulsory labor.

It is stated that orders will probably be sent to Mr. Vopicka to proceed to Jaffy. There are said to be no Americans at Bucharest.

REORGANIZE TRADE BOARD

Will Divide Membership Committee
Into Twelve Sections.

Upon recommendation of a special committee of three, named to adopt a plan of reorganization of the membership committee of the Washington Board of Trade, it has been decided that the present membership of sixty be divided into twelve sections of five, each of which is to have a captain and will act as a separate unit.

The large membership of the committee made it unwieldy under the old plan, it is explained, and by dividing it into sections, it is believed it will be able to work much more effectively. The special committee which drew up the plan consists of George H. Markward, William Claiborne and Edward E. Clement. George H. Macdonald is chairman of the full committee.

TO LECTURE ON TRAVEL

L. D. Mitchell to Describe Park for
Knights of Columbus.

Members of the Washington chapter, Knights of Columbus, will hear Laurence D. Mitchell, traveler and lecturer, explain the beauties of Uncle Sam's newest playground, Glacier National Park, at a meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the Knights of Columbus headquarters, 608 E. street, northwest.

On January 14, James J. Walsh, a central figure in the organization, will address the members at the New National Theater.

GETS TWENTY YEARS

James Williams Plead Guilty to
Second Degree Murder.

James Williams, colored, who pleaded guilty to second degree murder before Justice Gould in Criminal Division No. 1, of the District Supreme Court, today, was sentenced to serve twenty-five years in the penitentiary. Williams was arrested in connection with the killing of James A. Purvis on September 16, last. Attorneys Daniel W. Baker and L. J. Heller represented the prisoner.

STINEMETZ

F St. Corner 12th St.

61st Anniversary

Repriced Sale

Men's Clothing

\$20 and \$22.50 Suits

and Overcoats Repriced

\$15

\$25 Suits and

Overcoats Repriced

\$18

\$30 Suits and

Overcoats Repriced

\$22

\$35 Suits and

Overcoats Repriced

\$25

Sole Agents for Rogers Peet

& Co.'s Celebrated New

York Clothing.

AMATEUR PLAYERS IN STRIKING DRAMA

"The Tragedy of Nan" Will Be
Repeated Again To-
night.

Because their presentation of John Masefield's tense, grim, penetrating sociological play, "The Tragedy of Nan," in December, had so deep an impression upon those who saw it that they wanted others to see it, the Drama League Players repeated it last evening and will give it again tonight.

The play was given at the Wilson Normal School, being used by the players until they realize their dream of a little theater for Washington, like those in Philadelphia and Chicago.

G. A. Lyon, chairman of the executive committee of the players, explained some of the handicaps of the school auditorium, where the dressing rooms are more than a block away. The league is appealing to the Washington public for support in this project.

Stark and Realistic.

Set against a simple background, the bare, unadorned kitchen of a humble home in England in the early nineteenth century, the character depiction stands out all the more stark and realistic.

Set in a period when strong nerves craved such crude excitements as hangings for public holidays, and when strong appetites ran to strong

drink and black puddings, the emotional appeal of the story was intensified.

The presentation was a remarkable achievement for amateurs. Bertram Bloch directed it; Mary Louise Tuttle designed, and Sherman E. Danforth executed the scenery, and the costumes of the women were made by the players.

Miss Edna Ellis gave a wonderfully human picture of "Nan," the orphan girl, stigmatized by the crude farmer and Dorothy Hellman (one naturally adopts the habit of leaving off prefixes with a amateurs who bear the earmarks of professionals) had a thankless but rich role in the cringing, sour-souled woman who was "nagging" always nagging, her niece.

Whole Cast Good.

Edwin F. Ludwig was Mr. Pargetter, Nan's uncle, and Lillian Nichol, her cousin, with the deceit of her mother. Maurice Jarvis was the lover who gave poor Nan her half hour of happiness in the belief that she was to be betrothed, then cast her aside when he learned of her father's end, and saw the prospect of a competence.

J. Lewis Moseway, Bennett L. Mead, Lewis Fisher, Mary Elizabeth Siddons, Josephine Mitchell, Arthur B. White, and Walter Stahl filled other roles acceptably, more accepted than minor roles are often played in professional casts.

The performance will be repeated this evening.

PRESIDENT HAS EASY DAY.

So far as visitors are concerned, President Wilson will have an easy day today. For with the exception of meeting members of the Cabinet at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, the President is scheduled to see but two other persons. At 2 o'clock the Netherlands minister will call upon the White House to present M. T. Roosevelt.

D. C. TO WELCOME MEN FROM BORDER

Service Legion Plans to Obtain
Work for Every Guards-
man.

Definite plans will be presented this evening at a meeting of a special committee of the Military Service Legion at the Masonic Temple, for the welcoming of the District guardsmen from the border.

The plan that will be formally acted upon by them includes a program of entertainment and the arrangement of an employment bureau so that every man shall have a job when he is mustered out of the Federal service.

Job for Every Man.

The employment bureau feature will be started immediately so as to ascertain what men need jobs, the sort of jobs they need and the kinds of jobs that can be secured for them. It is the purpose of the committee to make a thorough canvass of the business men of the District and to be able, by data to be gathered by them, to give every employer wanting help the qualifications of the guardsmen for the job.

The welcome for the guardsmen now on the border return, is planned to include all the organizations that were in the Federal service, including

those that have returned, or will be returned before the date of the reception.

Would Hold Guard Together.

The committee also will consider plans for the upbuilding and holding together of the national guard. It is stated that 40 per cent of the men now in the service are non-residents of the District. Some effort is to be made to retain these men in the District and in the national guard. As non-residents they will be eligible for discharge at the conclusion of their service, it is understood.

Col. Clarence V. Sayre is chairman of the special committee, and will preside at tonight's meeting. Other members of the committee are Major F. S. Hodgeson, Capt. Sheridan Ferris, Capt. John E. Brooks, Capt. Ed W. Zee, Richard Lamb, Howard Fluke, and Albert F. Ferguson.

NEWS OF ROCKVILLE

Gathersburg Attracts Many Big
Business Enterprises.

Gathersburg is beginning to loom up as an active business town. There are already in operation there a big flour mill and a grain elevator of a capacity of 30,000 bushels, and before many months the town will have another grain elevator, another flour mill of a daily capacity of 200 barrels and a canning factory to cost about \$50,000.

Just as soon as the weather permits, the work of reconstructing the five miles of road between Derwood and Mackall's Corner, near Mt. Zion, will be started under the supervision of the State roads commission.

The survey work has been completed and maps, specifications, etc., are now being prepared.

BONUS FOR MILITIA IF MEN RE-ENLIST

New Decision Gives Them In-
creased Uniform Allowance,
Col. Young Finds.

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 5.—According to a decision obtained yesterday by Col. Glendie B. Young, commander of the Third District Infantry, militiamen re-enlisting will receive what amounts to a bonus of \$42.20.

Upon entering Federal service, each militiaman is given a uniform allowance of 31 cents a day for the first six months, after which time the allowance becomes 7 cents a day.

Militiamen whose terms now are expiring will be entitled to begin drawing 31 cents a day again for six months if they re-enlist, which will give them 24 cents a day over the 7 cents or a total of \$42.20 as a bonus. Colonel Young applied for the decision to the inspector in charge of division militia affairs.

The Third took part in a brigade march under full equipment this morning, hiking ten miles over territory north of the camp. Inspection will take place tomorrow.

FORGOT HIS NAME.

Mrs. Blueblood—We dined at fresco last evening.
Mrs. Newrich—I think I've met him somewhere. Is his first name Albert or Alfred?—Boston Transcript.

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